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Welfare Costs In Virginia Are Low

...e assistance programs cost ... $3.69 per inhabitant for ...al year ended last June, well ... the national per capita cost ...66.

...inia is also well down the ... the number of persons per ...d on public assistance rolls. ... the picture drawn from the ... Security Agency Figures ... by the Department of Wel... Institutions.

...he $7.69 in Virginia, $1.55 ... old age assistance pay... the lowest per capita figure ... the states. Only Puerto Ri... th thirty-three cents per in... ...t, is lower. $1.48 went to ...dependent children, and four... ...nts for aid to the perma... ...and totally disabled. Of the ...lder, seventeen cents was for ... the blind, and thirty-five ...or general relief.

...ags assistance payments ... the nation averaged ...bout the same as dependent children ...aid to the permanently and ...disabled twenty-one cents, ...aid to the blind thirty-five cents, and general relief $1.84 per inhabitant. Colorado, whose old age assistance programs costs $34.15 for every inhabitant of that state, is the highest in the nation on that program.

These wide variations are due to the difference in local programs of public welfare. Although the Federal government provides a percentage of the funds in all states, each state sets its own assistance levels and administers its own programs under state laws. The Virginia department makes its own assistance plan, designating amounts allowed for rent, food, clothing and personal care. Where these allowances are conservative, the total cost is reduced and is reflected in the cost of the total program.

Rigid application of relatives responsibility laws, liens against property, conservative residence requirements and other legal safeguards also help to keep down costs in Virginia.

Out of every thousand persons over 65 in Virginia, 91 receive old age assistance. The national average is 220. Of the children under eighteen, twenty out of every thousand receive aid to dependent children grants. The nation's average is thirty-four. In Louisiana, the state with the highest number per thousand on old age assistance, 671 out of every thousand persons over sixty-five are on the rolls. Washington, D. C., is the lowest, with fifty of every thousand.

TURKEY KILL

Of the 2,148 wild turkeys killed in Virginia during the 1951-52 hunting season, 1,129, or better than 50 per cent, were identified as gobblers. There were 166 turkeys killed, the sex of which was undetermined, according to Ned Thornton, assistant chief of the Va. Game Commission.

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Home Hints

Home economists from the United States Department of Agriculture offer these suggestions for the homemaker who is searching for substitute curtain stretchers. Four strips of wood, the desired length and width for your curtains may be clamped together. These should be wrapped with strips of heavy cloth. The curtains may then be pinned to the cloth. Or, curtains may be pinned to a clean sheet and stretched over a rug to keep them tight while drying. Be sure to use rust-proof pins.

A steam iron should be emptied as soon as you have finished ironing. The heat will then dry it out.

Here is a hint for molding lard in uniform sizes. Pour the hot lard into loaf bread pans. The pan will hold approximately three pounds of lard. Remove the hardened lard from the pan by giving it a quick dip in hot water. The blocks may be wrapped in aluminum foil and stored.

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